

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SAVING A
DEFINITION FOR AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A number of items of data are obtained from a data
source (12), and are processed and then stored in a data
destination (16-17). The data items may each include image
data, text data, numeric data or some other type of data,
or a combination of these different types of data. The
processing of the data is controlled by a project
definition (14, 71, 101), which includes several modules
selected from a variety of available modules (Tables 1-4).
10 The modules have input and output ports that are
interrelated by binding information. Each project
definition is expressed in a public communication protocol,
one example of which is the eXtensible Markup Language
(XML) protocol.
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